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SUBJECT: OECD TRADE MEASURE NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES
AND SECRETARIAT "PANORAMA"

1. FEBRUARY MEETING OF TRADE COMMITTEE ASKED TCWP TO
A) LOOK INTO DEFICIENCIES OF SECRETARIAT'S "PANORAMA"
OF TRADE POLICY SITUATION (TC/78/3), AND B) EXAMINE THE
IMPERFECTIONS IN THE OECD NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE.
TCWP CHAIRMAN WISHES TO HOLD MEETING ON THESE QUESTIONS
APRIL 24 AND HAS ASKED DELS FOR SUGGESTIONS TO INCLUDE
IN CHAIRMAN'S NOTE THAT WILL FORM BASIS FOR DISCUSSION
AT THIS MEETING.

2. WITH RESPECT TO "PANORAMA" THERE DOES NOT SEEM TO
BE MUCH MERIT IN EXTENSIVE FURTHER WORK ON THIS. WE
COULD PROPOSE THAT SECRETARIAT SEE WHAT CONCLUSIONS
COULD BE DRAWN FROM RECENT GATT STUDY (GENEVA 4811) OF
RELEVANCE TO OECD INVENTORY. IN ADDITION, WE COULD
SUGGEST SECRETARIAT INCLUDE JAPAN/UK CAR "LETTER" IN
INVENTORY AT ITS OWN INITIATIVE. THIS COULD GIVE RISE
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TO AN INTERESTING DISCUSSION.

3. ON OECD NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES, WE WOULD PROPOSE
THAT FOLLOWING TOPICS SHOULD BE TAKEN UP: A) MEASURES
AFFECTING NON-MEMBERS; B) VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT MEASURES;
C) "NON-OFFICIAL," INDUSTRY-TO-INDUSTRY MEASURES; D)
"NON-CONVENTIONAL" MEASURES SUCH AS EXPEDITED ANTI-

DUMPING PROCEDURES; E) EXPORT INCENTIVES.

4. ON FIRST TWO OF THESE TOPICS, WE SHOULD SEEK CONSENSUS THAT THEY SHOULD ALWAYS BE NOTIFIED (AT PRESENT THEY USUALLY ARE NOT). IT SEEMS UNLIKELY FOR LEGAL REASONS THAT GOVERNMENTS WOULD AGREE TO NOTIFY INDUSTRY-TO-INDUSTRY ARRANGEMENTS, BUT PERHAPS IT COULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE ASSISTED IN OBTAINING ACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT THEM AND COULD INCLUDE THEM IN THE PANORAMA. ANTIDUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING ACTIONS ARE UNSUITABLE FOR NOTIFICATION, SINCE THE ACTIONS AT WHICH THEY ARE AIMED ARE EQUALLY OBJECTIONABLE, BUT AGAIN THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE KEPT INFORMED SO IT CAN BE AWARE OF "PRESSURE POINTS" IN THE TRADING SYSTEM. WITH RESPECT TO EXPORT INCENTIVES, WE SHOULD PRESS FOR NOTIFICATION OF THESE, ALTHOUGH THE PROBLEM OF DEFINITION IS PROBABLY INSUPERABLE FOR THE TIME BEING.

5. MISSION WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE SOMETHING ALONG LINES OF ABOVE AS INPUT TO CHAIRMAN'S NOTE FOR APRIL 24 MEETING. WASHINGTON REACTION WOULD BE APPRECIATED. SALZMAN

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